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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN AID FUNDS FOR UN NARCOTICS FUND

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1. SUMMARY: IN RADIO AND TV INTERVIEW MAR 19. FM KNUT FRYDENLUND  
ANNOUNCED THAT NORWAY WOULD USE A PORTION OF ITS AID FUNDS TO HELP  
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COUNTRIES OF SE ASIS DIVERSIFY CROPS AWAY FROM OPIUM PRODUCTION.  
NORWAY WILL ASK OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES TO COLLOBORATE IN SUPPORTING  
THE UN NARCOTICS FUND AT NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING IN REYJKAVIK  
MAR 23. NORWEGIAN INITIATIVE COINCIDED WITH VISIT TO OSLO  
OF UN NARCOTICS FUND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR J.G. DEBEUS, WHO  
MADE APPEAL TO FRYDENLUND FOR NORWEGIAN SUPPORT FOR UN  
PROGRAM. NORWEGIAN TV ANNOUNCER ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED FOLLOWING

FRYDENLUND INTERVIEW THAT NORWAY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TEN MILLION DOLLARS TO UN FUND. NORWEGIAN CONTRIBUTION WILL BE OF MUCH SMALLER ORDER, MFA HAS INFORMED US. END SUMMARY.

2. IN RADIO AND TV INTERVIEW MAR 19, NORWEGIAN FONMIN KNUT FRYDENLUND ANNOUNCED THAT NORWAY WOULD USE A PORTION OF ITS DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT UN NARCOTIC FUND PROGRAMS FOR CROP DIVERSIFICATION AWAY FROM OPIUM PRODUCTION IN SE ASIA. TARGET COUNTRIES WOULD BE THOSE OF THE SO-CALLED GOLDEN TRIANGLE, I.E., BURMA, LAOS AND THAILAND. FRYDENLUND'S ANNOUNCEMENT COINCIDED WITH VISIT TO OSLO OF UN NARCOTICS FUND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR J.G. DEBEUS, WHO MADE AN APPEAL TO FRYDENLUND FOR NORWEGIAN SUPPORT FOR THE FUND'S ACTIVITIES.

3. DEBEUS ALSO MET WITH MFA OFFICIALS AND DISCUSSED MODES OF COOPERATION AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS. ACCORDING TO MFA'S ACTION OFFICER FOR THE DRUG PROGRAM, PAAL BOG, DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, NORWAY WILL PARTICIPATE EITHER (A) BY CONTRIBUTING A LUMP SUM TO THE FUND THAT WOULD BE USED FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS THE FUND IS CONTEMPLATING, OR (B) BY TAKING OVER ONE OR TWO COMPLETE PROJECTS EITHER ALONE OR IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER NATIONS. NORWAY, ACCORDING TO BOG, IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CROP DIVERSIFICATION PROJECTS, WHERE THEY WOULD USE NORWEGIAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS. A TYPICAL PROJECT WOULD BE THE UN CROP DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAM BEING DISCUSSED FOR BURMA. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE BURMESE PROJECT WOULD BE 6.5 MILLION DOLLARS OVER FIVE YEARS. IN SUCH A PROJECT, NORWAY WOULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION WHICH WOULD BE MATCHED BY OTHER FUNDS. (NORWEGIAN TV COMMENTATOR MISTAKENLY REPORTED AFTER FRYDENLUND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERVIEW THAT NORWAY WOULD SPEND TEN MILLION DOLLARS ON INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS.)

4. NORWEGIANS WILL NOT DETERMINE EXACT FORM OF THEIR PROGRAM UNTIL THEY HAVE CONSULTED NORDIC GOVERNMENTS AT THE NORDIC MINISTERIAL MEETING IN REYJKAVIK MAR 23-25. NORWAY HOPES THAT AT LEAST DENMARK AND SWEDEN WILL JOIN IN COOPERATION IN A PROJECT OR IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND, AND THAT EVENTUALLY A NORDIC PROPOSAL CAN BE MADE TO THE UN NARCOTICS FUND.

5. COMMENT: NORWEGIAN AWARENESS OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG PROBLEM INCREASED IN WAKE OF SEIZURE OF SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF HEROIN AT OSLO AIRPORT IN DECEMBER THAT DEMONSTRATED NORWAY HAD BECOME TRANSIT POINT IN HEROIN TRAFFICKING FROM FAR EAST TO EUROPE. SINCE DECEMBER, GON HAS STEPPED UP EFFORTS TO IMPROVE POLICE TECHNIQUE IN DRUG CASES, INCLUDING PERMITTING CONTROLLED WIRE TAPPING, TIGHTENED UP PORTS OF ENTRY, AND HAS SHOWN GROWING INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DRUG FIELD. NORWEGIANS ALSO APPRECIATE REGIONAL DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM, AND ARE ALREADY

COOPERATING WITH NORDICS IN SHARING POLICE INTELLIGENCE AND  
HOLDING JOINT POLICE TRAINING SESSIONS. BASED ON OUR  
CONVERSATIONS WITH MFA, WE EXPECT THAT REYKJAVIK MINISTERIAL  
MEETING WILL PRODUCE JOINT NORDIC INITIATIVE IN SUPPORT OF UN  
NARCOTICS FUND PROGRAM.  
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